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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR GHORBAL REACTS TO US
VETO IN UNSC

1. I TELEPHONED ASHRAF GHORBAL TODAY TO TELL HIM THAT I WAS SENDING TO HIS OFFICE THE FULL TEXT OF ASST. SECRETARY SISCO'S ON-THE-RECORD STATEMENT TO ISRAELI JOURNALISTS, AND I SUGGESTED THAT HE READ IT CAREFULLY. GHORBAL THEN SEIZED THE OPPORTUNITY TO DELIVER ANGRY HARANGUE AGAINST UNITED STATES FOR VETOING SC DRAFT RESOLUTION. THIS IS ONLY OFFICIAL REACTION TO US VETO THAT I HAVE SO FAR RECEIVED. (CAIRO PRESS REACTION DURING LAST TWO DAYS IS REPORTED IN CAIRO 2286.)
2. GHORBAL EXPRESSED ANGER AND CONCERN THAT USG HAD REPUDIATED ITS OWN PREVIOUS POSITIONS. HE SAID GOE WAS GREATLY DISAPPOINTED SINCE VETO HAD MOVED US COMPLETELY INTO ISRAELI CAMP AND DESTROYED ALL HOPE OF FURTHER PROGRESS TOWARDS A SETTLEMENT.
3. I RESPONDED THAT PROPOSED RESOLUTION WOULD HAVE
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COMPLETELY ALTERED RESOLUTION 242 AND IF WE HAD NOT CAST VETO, RESOLUTION WOULD HAVE BEEN DESTROYED AS EFFECTIVE BASIS FOR FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS. USG BELIEVED PARTIES SHOULD LOOK FORWARD AND NOT DWELL ON UNSUCCESS-

FUL EFFORTS IN THE PAST. WE WERE PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN PRESERVING RESOLUTION 242 AS A BASIS FOR FUTURE EFFORTS. IN THIS CONTEXT, I AGAIN SUGGESTED THAT GOE TAKE A CAREFUL LOOK AT SISCO'S STATEMENT AND NOTED THAT ITS IMPORTANCE WAS UNDERLINED BY FACT THAT SISCO HAD DELIVERED IT AS AN ON-THE-RECORD STATEMENT RATHER THAN AS A BACKGROUND BRIEFING WHICH WOULD NORMALLY BE GIVEN TO VISITING JOURNALISTS.

4. DESPITE THIS STRONG REACTION, OUR WORKING RELATIONSHIP DOES NOT SEEM TO HAVE CHANGED. AT THE END OF HIS EMOTIONAL PRESENTATION, GHORBAL TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASK FOR MY HELP ON A PENDING VISA CASE CONCERNING THE RELATIVE OF A FRIEND.
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